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March 17, 2005

Ms Marlene Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Wireline Competition Bureau / TAPD  
445 12 Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Request for Waiver - Howard County School District  
Filed - July 12, 2002  
Application No. 310851 (Form 471, Funding Year 2002)  
Billed Entity No. 126366  
Funding Request Nos. 872273, 872276, 872278, 872281, 872291, 872310,  
872350, 872448,  
CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

Dear Ms. Dortch,

As referenced above we filed for a "Request for Waiver" on behalf of the Howard County School District on July 12, 2002. To date we still have not received a decision regarding this appeal nor have we been contacted with any information regarding the status of this appeal. We, on the other hand have communicated to you and others within the FCC on several occasions regarding this appeal. As it stands we are thirty two months without any viable information regarding the appeals status or decision.

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| <b>June 9, 2003</b>   | Contacted Ms. Tofigh regarding the status of the appeal and was told that the appeal had been misplaced. She asked that we re-fax a copy to her. That was done immediately after the conversation. It was established that the original July 12, 2002 date would stand as the date of submission. |
| <b>June 25, 2003</b>  | Left a message for Ms. Tofigh requesting information regarding the status of the appeal.  |
| <b>June 26, 2003</b>  | Ms. Tofigh returned my call, referred me to Ms. Adrienne Wright whom she said would be the contact for any information or correspondence regarding this appeal from now forward.  |
| <b>August 6, 2003</b> | Adrienne Wright contacted regarding the status of the appeal. A message was left requesting a return call. She returned the call and responded that a decision had not been reached.  |
| <b>December, 2003</b> | Mr. Garnet Person / CEO called to inquire of the status and was told that no decision has been reached.   |

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**February 25, 2004**

Spoke with Adrienne Wright who informed me that an attorney, Mr. Greg Lipscom was in receipt of the appeal and that it was then pending decision.

As of today March 15, 2005 we have yet to receive any correspondence from Mr. Lipscom or any other FCC representative regarding this issue. Our client – Howard County School District is very frustrated as are we because soon it will be three (3) years with no response to this appeal. As we've stated previously, if there is anything that we may do to help bring this appeal to conclusion we welcome your request. We would appreciate at the very least communication on the status of this appeal at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Karen A. McClearn  
Operations Manager